Streamlining the present tax system

† *7. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the need to streamline the present tax system and make it more effective is being felt;

(b) if so, whether the Government are considering to do the same;

(c) if so, the main features thereof; and

(d) if not, by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) Sir, streamlining the tax system and making it more effective is a continuous process. The measures taken include reduction in the multiplicity of taxes and rates, review of tax exemptions and simplification of the tax structure and tax collection procedure.

Memorandum by the trade unions for withdrawal of wage cut for the strike period

*8. SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Trade Unions representing the postal employees submitted a memorandum requesting to withdraw the wage cut effected for the strike period and to adjust the 14 days strike period ending on 18th December, 2000 against leave as had been done in 1996 and 1998; and

(b) if so, the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) Memorandum was received from the postal federations representing against imposition of wage cut for

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.